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SUBJECT: SOVIET WALKOUT AT BANQUET FOR BIJEDIC

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1. DIPLOMATS IN PEKING HAVE BEEN SPECULATING ALL WEEK ABOUT THE MOTIVES BEHIND THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLSTIKOV'S WALKOUT AT THE OCTOBER 6 WELCOMING BANQUET FOR BIJEDIC. TOLSTIKOV HIMSELF HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY QUOTED AS SAYING HE WALKED OUT BECAUSE TENG HSIAO-PING'S LANGUAGE WAS MORE INSULTING THAN BEFORE -- THUS LIMITING THE GESTURE TO SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS -- OR THAT THE CHINESE MUST HAVE HAD AT LEAST TACIT PRIOR AGREEMENT FOR TENG'S LANGUAGE FROM THE YUGOSLAVS -- THUS EMPHASIZING ITS IMPORTANCE FOR SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. SOME DIPLOMATS HERE BELIEVE TOLSTIKOV, WHO RETURNED RECENTLY FROM MOSCOW, HAS A NEW INSTRUCTION TO SHOW SOVIET DISPLEASURE WITH THE RISING LEVELOF ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMANATING FROM PEKING, AND HE USED TENG'S MARGINALLY HARDER

LINE IN THE SPEECH AS A CONVENIENT EXCUSE TO PUT THIS INSTRUCTION INTO PRACTICE. HE HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT, HOWEVER, INFORMED HIS EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES OF HIS INTENTIONS, AND A SURPRISED BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE ALMOST MISSED WALKING OUT ALTOGETHER. WHETHER OR NOT THE CHINESE WERE IMPRESSED, TOLSTIKOV'S ACTIONS CERTAINLY EMBARRASSED THE YUGOSLAVS. THERE WAS NO REPEAT PERFORMANCE AT THE RETURN BANQUET ON OCTOBER 8.

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